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Buy a Gift With A Feline Theme

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Can you tell me where I could find some gift items with cat motifs?

Chatco Collection, P.O. Box 62-MOS, Wilmette, IL 60091, offers practical gift items for people who love cats. All the gift items bear cat motifs or designs.

There are door knockers, jewelry, cookie tins, mugs, wooden cutting boards, and more. Chatco's catalog is \$1.

The Cat Companion Collection, 38 Sunset Drive, Kensington, CA 94707 also has many lovely items with cat motifs: designer jewelry, stained glass, hooked rungs and paintings.

I'm really in a rut. I'm looking for a sweet pastry that I can serve with tea to the girls in my bridge club. I'm tired of bundt cakes and mousse pies. Can you suggest something special - maybe a little different?

This week in my mail, a reader sent me a delicious sample of Panforte Di Mendocino made in her bakery. I think it would be wonderful to serve at your next bridge club meeting.

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Cafe Beaujolais Bakery, P.O. Box 730, Mendocino, CA 95460, offers the 22-oz. Panfortes in four nut varieties; a almond (\$17.50), walnut (\$17.50) hazelnut (\$18.50), and macadamia nut (\$23). The prices include shipping and a gift card.

Serve it in thin wedges with your tea - the girls will enjoy it, I'm sure.

Panforte Di Mendocino keeps so well, you might order an extra one to keep on hand for those unexpected times when you want to give a gift to someone special.

I used to order greeting cards from a mail order catalog. I haven't received a catalog in quite awhile. Could you mention a few, popular **greeting card catalogs**?

Anita Beck is well known for her brightly colored, cheerful greeting cards, stationery, and calendars. The lovely note cards are mostly gay flowers and some charming animals.

They are plain on the inside, ready for your personal greeting. Send \$1 to Anita Beck Cards, Reindeer House, 3409 W. 44th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55410.

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Current offers good price discounts on quantity orders. The catalog is free.

Renaissance Greeting Cards, P.O. Box 126, Springvale, ME 04083. Renaissance sells greeting cards for all occasions and seasons including complete Valentine, Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Jewish New Year collections.

The Renaissance artwork is in vibrant colors and the sentiments are usually one or two cheerful lines.

The Emerald City, P.O. Box 50807, Santa Barbara, CA 93150, features greeting cards with inspirations by Flavia and illustrated by Julie Arkell.

They are absolutely lovely: "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same."

WHERE IS CHILDCRAFT?

If you have been trying in vain to find an address for Childcraft so that you could order the art easel discussed in last Wednesday's Mail-Order Shopper, look no further.

To get a catalog write to Childcraft, 20 Kilmer Road, P.O. Box 500, Edison, N.J. 08818, or call (800) 631-5657. The address was inadvertently left out of last week's column.

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